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SUBJECT:MAURITANIAN REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON US DEFENSE  
ARTICLES AND SERVICES

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(B) USDAO DAKAR DTG 261620Z MAY 77  
(C) USDAO NOUAKCHOTT DTG 200945Z MAY 77

1. WE REGRET DELAY IN ANSWERING REFTELS WHICH RAISED  
SEVERAL ARMS TRANSFER POLICY ISSUES. AS YOU KNOW,  
MAURITANIA IS NOT RPT NOT ELIGIBLE TO MAKE PURCHASES OF  
DEFENSE ARTICLES AND SERVICES UNDER FOREIGN MILITARY SALES  
(FMS) PROCEDURES OF ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT. THEREFORE WE  
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ARE NOT RPT NOT PREPARED TO AUTHORIZE PREPARATION OF FORMAL  
PRICE AND BUDGETARY INFORMATION ON ITEMS CONTAINED REF B.

2. IN DESIRE, HOWEVER, TO PERMIT REASONABLE DISCUSSION OF  
QUESTIONS CONTAINED REF B, FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRO-  
VIDED TO EMBASSY FOR RELEASE AT ITS DISCRETION FOR USE IN  
POSSIBLE GIRM COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS, WHICH WOULD NEVER-

THELESS REMAIN SUBJECT TO MUNITIONS CONTROL REGULATIONS AND USG REVIEW ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. AS FOR FOREIGN PROCUREMENT, OUR POLICY IS NOT RPT NOT TO PROVIDE ANY DETAILED INFORMATION OR ASSESSMENTS ON FOREIGN SOURCES OF DEFENSE ARTICLES AND SERVICES.

A. C-130 AIRCRAFT. C-130 DIFFERS FROM L-100 WHICH HAS LESS ROUGH LANDING CAPABILITY AND IS NOT CONFIGURED TO DROP PARATROOPS. BASIC COST OF C-130 WITHOUT TRAINING, MAINTENANCE, AND SUPPLY SUPPORT IS ABOUT \$9 MILLION. L-100 COSTS SLIGHTLY LESS. DELIVERY TIME FOR BOTH C-130 AND L-100 AIRCRAFT IS NORMALLY 18-24 MONTHS FROM SIGNATURE OF CONTRACT. LOCKHEED COULD PROBABLY ALSO FURNISH TRAINING AS WELL AS MAINTENANCE/SUPPLY SUPPORT THROUGH SEPARATE CONTRACTS. YOU SHOULD ALSO KNOW THAT NUMBER OF C-130'S THAT CAN BE SOLD UNDER COMMERCIAL CONTRACT IS LIMITED BY SECTION 38(A)(3) OF THE ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT, WHICH REQUIRES ANY SALE OF MAJOR DEFENSE EQUIPMENT SUCH AS C-130'S, UNDER CONTRACT VALUED AT \$25 MILLION OR MORE MUST BE HANDLED THROUGH FMS RATHER THAN COMMERCIAL CHANNELS.

B. PROPELLER DRIVEN ATTACK AIRCRAFT. THERE ARE NO RPT NO A-1 SKYRAIDER AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE FOR SALE IN US. WE ARE NOT RPT NOT PREPARED TO ISSUE EXPORT LICENSE FOR SUCH ATTACK AIRCRAFT. WE WOULD REQUIRE ANY SUCH SALE OF US-ORIGIN AIRCRAFT TO BE MADE THROUGH FMS PROCEDURES. CONSEQUENTLY, WE ARE NOT RPT NOT PREPARED TO PROVIDE ANY CONFIDENTIAL

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FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT.

C. 30 AND 50 CAL. MACHINE GUNS, 20MM GUNS, AND C-RATIONS.

(1) MAREMONT CORPORATION, BASS, MAINE MANUFACTURES 50 CAL. MACHINE GUNS.

(2) 30 CAL. MACHINE GUN IS NOT CURRENTLY IN PRODUCTION IN US.

(3) NAPCO INDUSTRIES, INC., 1600 SECOND ST., HOPKINS, MINNESOTA AND GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL, GATEWAY BUILDING, DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20041 MAY BE ABLE TO SUPPLY 30 CAL. MACHINE GUNS AND POSSIBLY OTHER DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING C-RATIONS.

(4) GENERAL ELECTRIC, BURLINGTON, VERMONT MANUFACTURES A 20MM GUN.

(5) DRY MIX CORPORATION, MOBIL E, ALABAMA IS CURRENTLY

UNDER CONTRACT TO ASSEMBLE RATIONS FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. IN CASE DRY MIX CORP. CANNOT MEET MAURITANIAN REQUIREMENTS, WE ARE POUCHING LIST OF MANUFACTURERS OF INDIVIDUAL RATION COMPONENTS.

3. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO EMPHASIZE THAT GIVEN LIMITATIONS OF LAW AND ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY OF RESTRAINING ARMS TRANSFERS, EMBASSY AND DAO SHOULD NOT RPT NOT TAKE ANY

ACTION WHICH WOULD APPEAR AS PROMOTION OF US ARMS SALES. PROVISION OF ABOVE INFORMATION DOES NOT IMPLY THAT USG WOULD APPROVE ANY SUBSEQUENT REQUEST FOR PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT MENTIONED. CHRISTOPHER

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